



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR  
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## **GO Virginia Region 2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 11, 2024, 1:00p.m.- 3:00p.m.**

### **Via Zoom Webinar.**

Executive Committee members in attendance: Eddie Amos (Chair), Beverley Dalton (Vice-chair), Paul Denham, Ray Smoot.

Staff in attendance: John Provo, Scott Tate, Quina Weber-Shirk, Jemma Sabokrouh, Rachel Jones, Elli Travis, Alyssa McKenney, Emmalee Wagner.

Public in attendance: Carrie Chenery, Emma Brown, Kristen Costello.

The meeting convened at 1:02p.m. and adjourned at 3:09p.m.

### ***Financials Review***

Alyssa McKenney reviewed the financial reports included in the information packet. Council has a remaining balance of \$1,515,210 in per-capita funds. If the proposal before council is approved, there will be a remaining balance of \$1,415,210.

### ***Project Pipeline and Tableau Review***

Quina Weber-Shirk reviewed the project pipeline; listing 3 possible proposals that may come before council. Weber-Shirk then reviewed the Region 2 online tableau dashboard, an interactive web- based portal representing real time project data regarding outcomes/impact of active and closed projects existing in the region.

### ***Council Business***

#### ***Membership Expirations***

Chairman Amos offered the name of Amy White, Virginia Western Community College, to fill the vacancy existing within the Roanoke sub-region.

Beverley Dalton motioned to recommend the appointment of Amy White to the full council. Ray Smoot seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

### ***Project Proposals***

***GMP CLEAN (Good Manufacturing Practices: Cleanroom Manufacturing for Local Engineering Advancement in the New River Valley)***



Scott Tate offered a brief overview of the new project proposal, “GMP CLEAN (Good Manufacturing Practices: Cleanroom manufacturing for Local Engineering Advancement in the New River Valley”, submitted by Fralin Biomedical Research Institute. Paul Denham requested clarification on the use of planning funds to complete typical implementation activities. Tate responded stating the project would support planning activities with eligibility to submit for an implementation grant at a later time. Matching funds would be used to pilot the facility.

Fralin Biomedical Research Institute’s request totaled \$100,000 in Region 2 per-capita funds, with a total match of \$130,000.

Paul Denham motioned to advance this proposal to the council, and Beverley Dalton seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

## ***Special Updates***

### ***Region 2 Talent Evaluation***

Elli Travis presented information on a talent evaluation report led by Region 2 staff. 14 closed projects were reviewed through this effort which led to 5 contribution stories, highlighting project impact within the region.

### ***Region 2 TPI***

Emmalee Wagner provided an update on the Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative noting staff are holding interviews with transportation and autonomous employers as a needs assessment and have revised their milestones to best use their time for data collection purposes.

## ***Council Business***

### ***Quarterly Project Reporting***

Rachel Jones reviewed active project status, noting there are 3 current projects listed in yellow, meaning they did not meet one or more quarter 2 milestones and staff is monitoring. Center for Entrepreneurship was listed in yellow due to continued delays in the opening of their physical space. Region 2 staff have met with project leads to discuss the submission of a contract extension request following recommendations from a contractor. Regional Talent Strategy Implementation due to delays in the finalization of their web-based talent portal. Project has received an administrative no-cost extension through December 2024. Industry 4.0 for the Automated- Connected-Electrified (ACE) Workforce as the project has fallen behind in metrics reporting for students trained. Region 2 staff have met with the project team to discuss a remediation plan. All other active projects are listed in green, meaning they have met quarterly milestones and are on track with their current deliverables.

## ***Minutes***



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Executive Committee members reviewed minutes from the Region 2 Executive Committee Meeting held on April 11, 2024. Chairman Amos asked if there were any corrections, additions, or questions regarding the minutes; there were none.

Ray Smoot motioned to approve the minutes, with Beverley Dalton seconding. All were in favor and none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09p.m.